

Chamber Concert to Benefit Mishkan Dolores Campaign

Sha'ar Zahav is honored to welcome three accomplished string players for a special chamber concert on March 9 at 4 pm in the CSZ sanctuary, to be followed by a reception in the oneg room. Tickets will be \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and proceeds will benefit Mishkan Dolores. The concert has been organized by our member Randall Weiss, who has played at Kol Nidre and other CSZ services for many years. Violinist Randall Weiss and violist Patricia Whaley are the Montclair Duo and are delighted to return to the stage of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav; they will be joined by guest violinist Joanne Tanner. The program will include Handel's *Passacaglia for Violin and Viola*, Prokofiev's *Sonata for Two Violins*, Mozart's *Duo for Violin and Viola*, and Dvorak's *Terzetto for Two Violins and Viola*.

Randall Weiss made his solo debut performing the *Tchaikowsky Violin Concerto* as winner of the Victoria, B.C., Concerto Competition. He has performed with a variety of groups including the San Francisco Opera, the San Francisco Ballet and the Santa Cruz County Symphony. This summer marks his ninth year as a faculty member of the acclaimed Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Patricia Whaley has been the assistant principal viola with the San Jose Symphony Orchestra since 1983, and has also performed with the San Francisco Opera and Midsummer Mozart. As a faculty member of the Eastern Music Festival, she has performed chamber music with such artists as Franco Gulli and Peter Zazosky.

Joanne Tanner has performed with the New Jersey, Denver, Milwaukee and Quebec Symphonies. Ms. Tanner served as first violinist in the San Jose Symphony for 10 years, and, since moving to Santa Cruz in 1992, has been a founding member of the Paris String Quartet and has performed with the Santa Cruz Chamber Players.

Spring Retreat Celebrates Changes

The CSZ Spring Retreat is just around the corner. We will be going away for a wonderful weekend of talking, praying, singing, chatting and napping at Camp Swig in Saratoga, April 4-6. The registration deadline is March 14, and we expect to be crowded, so reserve a space soon!

Coming just a few weeks before Passover, the weekend is titled "Our Community in Transition." We will explore the transitions of Passover (slavery to freedom; Egypt to the desert; chumetz to matzah), those of our community (Danvers Street to Dolores Street; Rabbi Kahn to Rabbi Bergadine to ??; changes in lay leadership) and personal transitions (job; relationships; partnerships; new opportunities; children; maturing; loss). There will be workshop alternatives for the spiritually-minded and for those who are not. We will also have plenty of time to talk, walk, laugh, sing (including around the campfire), nap, play and pray. This is a chance to deepen your spiritual relationship to change in your life and in the life of your community, to examine how your Jewish values do or might affect your approach to transitions, to build a sense of community and extended family, and to have fun.

One of our retreat's most unique characteristics is the sense of community that is forged among a very diverse group of people. As those who have attended previous weekends can attest, our retreat is an amazing blend of singles mixer and family get-together. At the very same weekend in September, one man found romance, while two lesbians, a mixed-gender couple and a gay man discussed the relative merits of public and private school for their kids. Whether you are single or partnered, have kids or don't especially revel in them, whatever your sexual preference, you'll find people like you, and people supporting you, at our retreat.

In addition to the programming for adults, Kadimah will meet at Camp Swig that weekend. Thus, there will be extended Jewish-related activities for kids and teens. We will also have some inter-

generational activities available. Child-care is available for younger children at no extra cost.

Camp Swig is the Reform Movement's camp for kids in Northern California. Accommodations are rustic camp-style cabins, sleeping 6-10 people in bunk beds with a shared bathroom and a shower. All accommodations have heat and electrical outlets. A small number of "faculty cabins" will be available for families with small children and people with special needs. Please prepare yourself for seasonal weather; the camp is in the foothills, and it gets colder than in the city. You will need to bring a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, and towels, as these are not provided. The Ritz it's not, but the beautiful woods, amazing sanctuary and friendly company make it all worthwhile. This time we are asking each attendee to put in one hour, before or during the weekend, to support our community and ensure that the weekend runs smoothly.

Cost for the weekend (including accommodations and food) are on a sliding scale as follows: adults \$130-110; youth (13-18) \$95-80; kids (3-12) \$70-55; under three free. Some scholarships are available; call the office for more information. Scholarship requests must be made by the March 14 deadline.

You will be receiving a registration form shortly. Remember, get it in soon—those who procrastinate may find the weekend has sold out. If you have any questions, please call Tiela Chalmers at 431-4312. Hope to see you there!

Rosh Chodesh Adar

In celebration of the new moon and the beginning of the month of Adar, Sha'ar Zahav will be having a special women-led Shabbat service on Friday evening, February 7. All women interested in forming a new Rosh Chodesh group are invited to a potluck Shabbat dinner before services. The dinner will be at 6:30, followed by services at 8:15. Both will be held at Sha'ar Zahav. RSVP for the potluck to Renée at the office.

A Campaign, a Building, a Challenge

by David Stein

Mishkan Dolores! The campaign is in full bloom. \$1.3 million is a lot of money to raise. It is a nice story. Thirty-five people have already volunteered to help raise those funds so it will have a happy ending!

Mishkan Dolores—the building on Dolores Street—is presenting design challenges. Shall the sanctuary be on the first level and the education, meeting and social spaces be on the upper level? Or shall the community and education rooms be at ground level, and then we ascend to the sanctuary? Shall we open the roof to the light of the sun and stars? What can we imagine and what can we actually do?

Mishkan Dolores—the campaign—challenges each of us to open our pocketbooks to pledge an amount that indeed is a stretch, payable over five years, so that all this can happen! Mishkan Dolores—the building—challenges us to examine our ritual and spiritual values in order to provide ourselves with a dwelling place to enclose and nurture these values.

Every decision we make is a reflection of our Sha'ar Zahav values. We will engage all the membership in the decision-making. We will hold community meetings with our architect to get input from the membership. Our designers and the design committee will work with all the committees who will have active use of the building to learn their needs, how they work and how the building can be used to help them work better. For example, our Judaica gift shop will not be an afterthought but will be integrated into the building design. Our library will be a space for study, reflection and history. Our adult education and kadimah board will be challenged to make plans that will satisfy our current and future needs. Our administrative and rabbinical offices will be designed for ease of work, confidentiality and communication. Our ritual committee has already begun to discuss the spiritual and liturgical aspects of our sanctuary design.



David Stein

To raise money, design and construct our synagogue: this is the first time any of us have done such things. We bought Danvers Street complete. We removed a few religious symbols from the former Mormon Church it was, and set about dedicating the space as a synagogue. Then, by our presence in body and spirit, we made it our synagogue. This time at Mishkan Dolores, we raise money in order to build, design and create the entrance and all the interior ritual, educational and social spaces. Mishkan Dolores is ours from the moment we voted to make it so! Mishkan Dolores will be a statement of our values for everyone to see!

Travel to the Theater with Us!

Old, Jewish and Queer is the title of the one-woman show written and performed by Naomi Newman, which will open at A Traveling Jewish Theatre on February 13 (see ad below).

CSZ is organizing a theater party for Saturday evening, March 8. Tickets for members are \$14 and space is limited. An added attraction on the night of the theater party is that CSZ member Batya Kalis will be the guest discussant with the audience following the performance. Contact Renée in the office to make your reservation before all the seats are sold!

Adult Education

We're sorry that there were not enough spaces for everyone who expressed interest in the trope (Torah chanting) class. We will most likely be offering it again in the near future.

Are you interested in studying Yiddish? Keep on the lookout for information concerning the Yiddish class that will be offered at CSZ during the summer months.

Save the Date

Purim 5757 begins on Saturday evening, March 22. CSZ will hold Megillah reading at 6:30 pm, followed by a big party.

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Thinking About Your Pledge?

Are you still thinking about your pledge to the Mishkan Dolores Campaign? Have you thought about using your contributions to honor someone or honor the memory of someone? Or to purchase a particular needed item?

Rabbi Bergadine recently received a letter from a cousin of Mark Feldman, the first CSZ member to die of AIDS and who established our AIDS Fund. She said, "I read in the *Forward* that Sha'ar Zahav is moving to Dolores Street. Mazel Tov! My cousin Mark Feldman was a founder of the congregation and an early victim of AIDS. His death in 1983 brought me to return to the Bay Area where I met my ex-husband and we had our son, Aaron, who is now 10.

"Although I am not wealthy, I would like to find some way to memorialize Mark's life in the new building ... Please let me know how I may participate in celebrating the growth of Sha'ar Zahav, which Mark loved and worked hard to create."

Mazel Tov!

The congregation gave birth to a brand new chavurah, and on January 31, members met at the home of member Geoff Benjamin for its official baby naming (name not available at press time; see next issue). The chavurah will be comprised of members and non-members in their 20s and 30s interested in organizing activities of particular interest to this group. Some items of interest being considered are: organizing the gay pride flotilla, gay roller skating, hitting a dance club, and many more. For information, or to get your name on our mailing list, call Renée at the office. Currently the chavurah organizes weekly coffee jaunts immediately following services. Next time you're at services, plan on joining us!

HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners on the third Saturday of every month, in addition to occasional Shabbat dinners at the homes of members. Mark your calendars: Saturday, February 15 at 3 pm: Support Group at CSZ, facilitated by Rob Tat. If you have any questions, would like to attend the dinner, or want to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy at the office. Join us.

Va'ad Minutes

—Mark Bowers, Recorder

Minutes from December 1996 were reviewed and amended to include mention of Roz Fuerman's Chanukah Party (thank you, Roz!). Lyssa Friedman then led the Va'ad in the *Mi sheberach* prayer for healing for CSZ member Ron Wilmot. Diana Buchbinder chaired this meeting.

Leah Wolf submitted the monthly financial report. She suggested a restructuring of the budget to gather like expenses in one spot and to conduct further discussion of the Kadimah budget at a future date.

The Va'ad voted to constitute an *ad hoc* committee to review criteria for scholarships at CSZ events and to establish guidelines. Lisa Katz and Sara Haber were appointed to the committee. Diana Buchbinder will also seek the participation of someone from the Camp Swig Retreat Organizing Committee.

On behalf of the membership committee, Ed Lopatin proposed Beth Sousa, Susan Simpson and Elliott Harris Klein for membership. The Va'ad unanimously approved.

The category of "Friends" membership was discussed. Lea Salem is seeking policy guidance from the Va'ad. This item is pending.

Ellie Cohen, chair of the Mishkan Dolores Fundraising Campaign, reported on developments. Alice Prussin reported that the Architecture and Design Committee has narrowed the field of potential architects down to two. Both are experienced with Jewish structures. A public meeting will be held to provide input to the committee.

Fundraising has been continuing briskly. To date, \$440,000 has been pledged. A dedications list has been developed and Michael Chertok received kudos from the Va'ad for the development of a splendid brochure. Jeff Forman will be the chair of the raffle committee. He is seeking six to eight wonderful prizes for the raffle, as yet unscheduled.

Community outreach for the Mishkan Dolores Fundraising Campaign will also target prominent figures in the gay and lesbian communities regardless of whether or not they are Jewish. The campaign to reach these individuals will be structured as a phone/mail/phone campaign. Volunteers are sought for this campaign—contact Ellie Cohen.

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East Bay Shabbat

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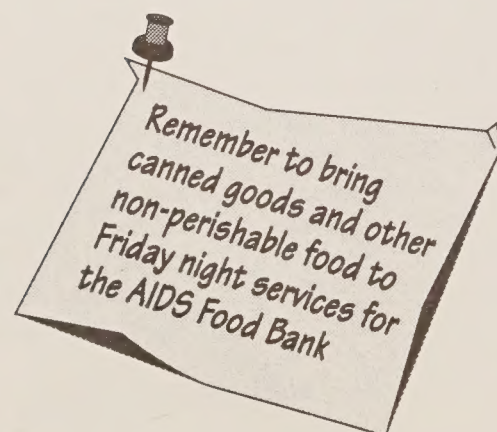
This is a great time to start or renew attendance at East Bay services, because they are changing. After seven years of dedicated leadership, Larry Wexler is taking a well-deserved rest. East Bay Shabbat will continue, however, and with a new look.

Instead of following a full-length service, we will now enjoy a shorter Kabbalat Shabbat, full of song, with time to let go of the week's stress, to schmooze and to gobble up oneq goodies.

Having Shabbat at home with friends affords us a really wonderful opportunity to get to know each other in a more intimate setting, and to experience the glow of the Friday night candles together as our ancestors did in a different time and place. We hope you will join us and that families with children will feel comfortable bringing the kids along, too.

We will continue to hold services on the third Friday of each month at 8:15 pm. On February 21, we will meet at 5461 Kales Ave., in Oakland (three blocks from the Rockridge BART). Seeing Lauren's and my tiny house (and enthusiastic, non-shedding dogs) may inspire you to volunteer your own living room for a night! If you think you might be interested in hosting an East Bay Shabbat just one time over the next 12 months, please call me at 510/654-8907 or send me e-mail (hzaid@garnet.berkeley.edu). Also, if you would like to be included on an East Bay Shabbat e-mail list, send me a note about that. See you on Shabbat!

—Hilary Zaid



New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Elliot Harris Klein

Susan Simpson

Elizabeth Patrick Sousa

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Va'ad Minutes

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Sharyn Saslafsky is deserving of thanks and special mention for getting the word out about the Mishkan Dolores Campaign.

Lea Salem presented a written report, to which she added that as of January 10, 1997, all relevant committees approved the choice of synagogue management software. She will effect the purchase before she leaves for vacation from January 17-24.

Meal Delivery Program

In November, Jewish Family and Children's Services began its Meal Delivery Program for people with disabilities who are not eligible for Project Open Hand. To be eligible for the program, you must be under age 60, have a physical disability that prevents you from preparing meals, reside in San Francisco and be in financial need of the program. JFCS is currently taking new referrals. The program can serve people on a short- or long-term basis.

Two meals a day are delivered and Friday's delivery includes meals for the weekend.

Meals are not kosher but other dietary requirements can be accommodated. For more information, call Abby Kovalsky, Disabilities Project Coordinator of JFCS, at 561-1224 for voice mail or 567-1044 TDD.

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Classified Ads are \$5 for up to 20 words, plus \$1 for each 10 additional words. No personals accepted.

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From the Rabbi Search Committee

—Robin Leonard and Allan Gold, co-chairs

The Rabbi Search Committee just concluded a busy and exciting month and we are anxious to update the congregation on the status of our work. As many of you know, the Search Committee hosted a candidate for the job of rabbi of CSZ during January: Rabbi Harold Caminker visited with us from January 9 to January 12. The fact that the Search Committee brought a rabbi to CSZ does not mean that we have found “the” rabbi for Sha’ar Zahav. Rather, we brought him because we can learn only so much on paper and in telephone interviews. In-person interactions are necessary for us to determine if a candidate is right for us.

We haven’t yet made that determination and will continue evaluating Rabbi Caminker this month. If you had the opportunity to greet him and would like

to share your impressions with us, please do so as soon as possible by dropping us a line at the synagogue or sending e-mail to the co-chairs (robinl@nolo.com and agold8946@aol.com).

In addition, we are continuing to receive resumes from the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the placement office for Reform rabbis) and have listed the job with the placement office of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association. It’s quite possible that we will soon be hosting other candidates for the position.

Of course, our say is not final. Once we have narrowed our choice to the one person we intend to recommend for the job, we will bring that person out here for a weekend to meet all of you. Assuming the weekend is a success, we’ll then formalize our recommendation.

Onegs

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in recent months:

- 12/27 **Ellen Goldstein**, in honor of Debra Floyd’s entrance into the covenant.
- 1/3 **The families of Marsha and Blanche Blachman**, in honor of their father, Ben Blachman.
- 1/17 **Past Presidents of CSZ**, in honor of Mike Rankin’s 60th birthday.
- 1/24 **Carolyn Reiser and Karren Shorofsky**, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Julia Reiser Shorofsky.

Bikkur Cholim Lecture: Critical Illness Support

The second in the Bikkur Cholim lecture series “Critical Illness Support” will be given by Rabbi Eric Weiss, CSZ member and rabbi with Ruach Ami: Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, on March 14, after the oneg.

Our rabbis teach us that there is no limit to the mitzvah of visiting someone in need. Sometimes, though, it is difficult to know what to do, when and how. Using teachings from tradition, personal experience and other basic resources, Rabbi Weiss and the group will explore this important mitzvah in ways that are spiritually nourishing for both you and the person in need.

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Sukkot in April

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Sha'ar Zahav has agreed to take on the project of helping to repair and renovate Project Open Hand's new building, together with the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Anti-Defamation League's delegation of volunteers who went to Alabama to rebuild burnt churches. In order to make this a successful project, we need between 50-75 volunteers as well as donations of building materials.

Volunteering for Sukkot in April pro-

vides an excellent opportunity to be a part of a community-wide and a larger nationwide effort to make a real impact on people's lives. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation or get more information, please call Renée at the office.

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- 14 Stacey Shuster & Joan Lefkowitz
- 14 Leyna Bernstein & Peter Barnes
- 17 Mark Vogel & Bill Denebeim
- 29 Susan Schwartz & Juliette Schlesinger

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Want to Party?

Join one of our party-planning committees. It's an easy way to get more involved in the synagogue with only a short-term, one-time commitment. It is also a great way to meet new people while having some fun. We need people to help plan:

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 24 Joyce Newstat
 25 Alex Ingersoll
 25 Nancy Silverrod
 26 Ethan Frazin
 26 Ari Grossman-Naples
 27 Benjamin Rainero-deHaan
 27 Yael Buchman
 27 Liela Raim
 27 Abbe Lyons
 27 Neil Jacob Rosenbaum
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 28 Steven Gaynes

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Synagogue Information

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Archives, open
ARZA contact, Ron Lezell
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Bisexual Chavurah, Jim Frazin
Book Circle, Mark Mackler
Brotherhood, Stephan Howard
Building, Mark Klaiman
Bylaws, Edward Pollock
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Children's Education Board, Ron Lezell
Cookbook Project, Robin Leonard and Rose Katz
Dues, Susan Gelmis
East Bay Services, Hilary Zaid
Endowment Fund, Richard Inlander
Environmental Action, Barak Gale and Brian Besser

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Mishkan Dolores Campaign, Ellie Cohen
Newsletter, by committee
Oneg, Allan Giannini
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Pre-school Chavurah, Nancy Meyer
Public Relations, Sharyn Saslasky
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Ritual, Ora Prochovnick
Social Action, Eloise Magenheim
UAHC National Liaison, Mike Rankin
UAHC Regional Liaison, Robin Leonard
Volunteer Coordinator, open
WGLJO Liaison, Neil Grungras
Women's Chavurah, open

Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second

Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Naches

To **Shelley Eisenman and Julie Moed**, on the birth of their daughter, Shoshana Maxine Eisenman Moed.

To **Simon Glinsky, Rob Tat and George Glinsky**, for completing a market study that helped develop more than \$25 million in new annual exports for Israel's economy.

To **Pieter de Haan**, on receiving his doctorate in paleobotany at UC Davis.

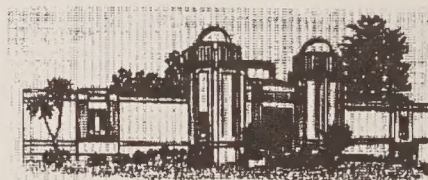
To **G. Lindsey Hauptman**, on becoming bat mitzvah.

To **Deena Lahn and Mary Schroeder**, on the birth of their daughter Isabel Lilian Lahn-Schroeder.

To **Julie Moed**, on her new job as Director of Youth and Family Services at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco.

To **Carolyn Reiser and Karren Shorofsky**, on the naming of their daughter, Julia Reiser Shorofsky.

To **Michele Sullivan and Andrew Williamson**, on the arrival of their children, Marion Vera Williamson and Jonathan Igor Williamson.



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Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Jonathan Goldman, on the death of his father, Aaron Theodore Goldman.

Mike Rankin, on the death of his friend, Bruce Hickcox.

Nathan and Jacob Robinson, on the death of their Bubba, Molly Shore.

Edward Pollock and Jeffrey Davidson, on the death of their friend, Robin Greenwald.

1 Saturday 24 Shevat

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 7 pm, Kenny Fries reading at A Different Light, CSZ co-sponsors

2 Sunday 25 Shevat

3 Monday 26 Shevat

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 6:30 pm, CEB meeting
- 7:30 pm, Mishkan Dolores Campaign

4 Tuesday 27 Shevat

- 6:30 pm, Dues Committee
- 7 pm, Trope/Torah Chanting Class

5 Wednesday 28 Shevat

- 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew II

6 Thursday 29 Shevat

7 Friday 30 Shevat

- 6:30 pm, Rosh Chodesh potluck
- 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Mishpatim, Women's Service led by Eileen Levy and Tiela Chalmers

8 Saturday 1 Adar I

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Shabbat service led by Frank Yellin—baby naming of Isabel Lillian Lahn-Schroeder by Rabbi Bergadine
- 12 pm, Adult B'nai Mitzvah potluck
- 1 pm, B'nai Mitzvah study group

9 Sunday 2 Adar I

10 Monday 3 Adar I

- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

11 Tuesday 4 Adar I

- 7 pm, Trope/Torah Chanting Class
- 7:30 pm, Kadimah staff meeting

12 Wednesday 5 Adar I

- 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew II
- 7 pm, Newsletter editing

13 Thursday 6 Adar I

14 Friday 7 Adar I

- 7:15 pm, Niggun service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Terumah led by Daniel Chesir, sermon by Carol Ochs

15 Saturday 8 Adar I

- No Kadimah
- 12 pm, Kadimah faculty meeting
- 3 pm, HIV Support Group
- 3 pm, Study group with Carol Ochs

16 Sunday 9 Adar I

17 Monday 10 Adar I

- President's Day
- Office closed
- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout

18 Tuesday 11 Adar I

- 7 pm, Trope/Torah Chanting Class

19 Wednesday 12 Adar I

- 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew II
- 7:30 pm, Mishkan Dolores Campaign

20 Thursday 13 Adar I

- 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim
- 7 pm, Membership committee

21 Friday 14 Adar I

- 8:15 pm, East Bay service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Tetzaveh led by Jonathan Pannor and Dev Nolly

22 Saturday 15 Adar I

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Halutzim

23 Sunday 16 Adar I

- 10 am, Nitzanim

24 Monday 17 Adar I

25 Tuesday 18 Adar I

- 7 pm, Trope/Torah Chanting Class

26 Wednesday 19 Adar I

- 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew II

27 Thursday 20 Adar I

- 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

28 Friday 21 Adar I

- 7 pm, Tot Shabbat
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Ki Tisa led by Tiela Chalmers and Lane Schickler

1 Saturday, March 1 22 Adar I

- All day, Ritual Committee meeting
- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Kadimah: Halutzim

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

MARCH FORWARD DEADLINES

FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

To place a display ad, call Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 or froslyn@aol.com). To place a classified ad, call the office.

FOR ARTICLES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Please submit articles both on 3½-inch disk and hard copy on paper *double spaced*. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. *No deadline extensions without advance permission.*

East Bay Services

2/21 Lauren Augusta and Hilary Zaid, 5461 Kales Ave., Oakland (510/654-8907)

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Capital Campaign And New Building Purchase Effort Makes Great Progress!!!!

Since the congregational meeting in late December, when we decided to buy our new building, much has been accomplished. We have already received pledges of \$450,275, more than one third of the way towards our goal of \$1.3 million! The Congregational vote also launched us on an enormous amount of time-sensitive work.

Financing: Our first deadline is to pull together our financing. Our application for conventional financing, at 10%, continues to look good. We are also, as you know, working closely with the Hebrew Free Loan Association and the Jewish Community Federation (and their Endowment Fund) to try to secure low- or no-interest financing for some if not all of the cost of this project.

Permits: We are also working closely with the San Francisco Planning Department. Our contract with the seller of the building requires that we obtain a conditional use permit from the City, allowing us to use the building as a synagogue, by May. The prospects are encouraging, but there is a lot of work to be done to actually get the permit. As you may recall, our escrow will not close until anywhere from 15 to 90 days after we have obtained the conditional use permit. At that point, we can begin construction. At that same time, escrow will close on Danvers Street, and we will begin renting back our old building. We will be permitted to do that for up to four months. If, as we expect, we need another month or two to complete construction, we will need to find a temporary location in the interim; we have already begun work on finding such a temporary location.

Design: The Architecture and Design subcommittee, appointed by president David Stein, has been hard at work interviewing several top-notch architects who bid on our project. We are proud to announce that they have just, as of this writing, selected the highly accomplished John Goldman. We will have more information for you about John in the next month's Forward, including opportunities to meet and talk with John, as well as further explanation of the entire design process.

Member_Outreach: We hope to engage every member of the congregation in this historic campaign. We have just trained 30 volunteers who will be talking with you over the next few months about pledging money and volunteering time to this effort. Our goal is to completely pay for the building in five years. Your pledge may be payable in one sum, or over as many as five years, in monthly, quarterly or annual installments. Everyone who contributes will receive equal recognition in a special way.

Benefit Recital: On March 9, 1997, at 4 p.m. at CSZ, our member Randy Weiss will present a recital as a benefit for Mishkan Dolores. More information about this unique event can be found elsewhere in this month's Gaily Forward.

Raffle: Expect big and exciting prizes, as well as a fabulous raffle event to support Mishkan Dolores. You can help by volunteering to sell tickets to your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone else who has trapped you into buying a raffle ticket before, not to mention buying a few for yourself! But to start, anyone who can or someone who can donate a care, fine art and/or airline mileage, please call Jeff Forman at (415) 648-0381! More information about the raffle will be available at Friday night services or from the office.

Foundations/Community Support: We are organizing a campaign to reach out to people in broader gay and Jewish communities for help. We will be contacting these wider communities through phone calls and a mailing. Please give Tiela Chalmers a call (431-4312) if there are people to whom you think we should be reaching out. We are also investigating the possibility of seeking support from various foundations

As you can see, it is a very exciting and work-filled time for us. If you would like to be a part of this historic and rewarding congregational effort, please call Tiela Chalmers at (415) 431-4312, or call the office. Call us especially if you: are a graphic artist, have ideas for raffle donations, or are willing to volunteer to help with the fundraising – but we need everyone's energy and ideas! Join us in building our synagogue for the 21st Century!!

MISHKAN DOLORES

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

The Capital Campaign

\mish-kan\ n. 1 dwelling place, home 2 tabernacle, sanctuary 3 temple

\$ 1,300,000

\$ 1,000,000

\$ 750,000

\$ 450,275

The total pledged to date is \$450,275 or 35% of our \$1.3 million goal! Thanks to everyone who has made their pledge as of January 20, 1997 (see below). We look forward to talking to the rest of you-- it will take each and every one of us to reach our goal!

Geoff Benjamin

Allan Berenstein

Nicole Bloom

Mark Bowers

Diana Buchbinder

Tiela Chalmers

Michael Chertok

Daniel Chesir

Judith Cohen

Ellie Cohen/Greta Miskatel

Jeff Forman/Paul Nemrow

Lyssa Friedman/Daphne Stuart

Jonathan Funk

David Gellman

Simon Glinsky

Allan Gold

Sara Haber

Alex Ingersoll/David Stein

Batya Kalis

Lisa Katz

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